



EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES

# AVENGERS

GUEST-STARRING:  
**MAGNETO**  
**vs**  
**ROGUE**  
**THE X-MEN!**



## SINS OF THE FATHER!

**WOLFGANG**  
**PHASE 1**



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DECKO  
PALMER





AVENGERS  
MANSION.

NO T'ANKS,  
MON AMI. LOOKIN'  
A LITTLE CROWDED  
I'LL MAKE MY OWN  
WAY TO DE ROOF.



NEW RULES,  
GAMBIT. WE NO  
LONGER LEAVE  
FROM THE  
ROOF.

THERE'S  
ROOM FOR  
ONE MORE...  
BUT THE CLOCK'S  
TICKING. COME  
ON.

GAMBIT-- ONE OF THE MUTANTS  
KNOWN AS THE X-MEN-- IS OUT  
OF HIS ELEMENT AND NOT  
THRILLED ABOUT IT.

HE'S NOT USED TO DEALING WITH  
FULL-PLEDGED SUPER HEROES.  
BUT IF ANYONE CAN HELP HIM IN  
HIS APPOINTED MISSION...



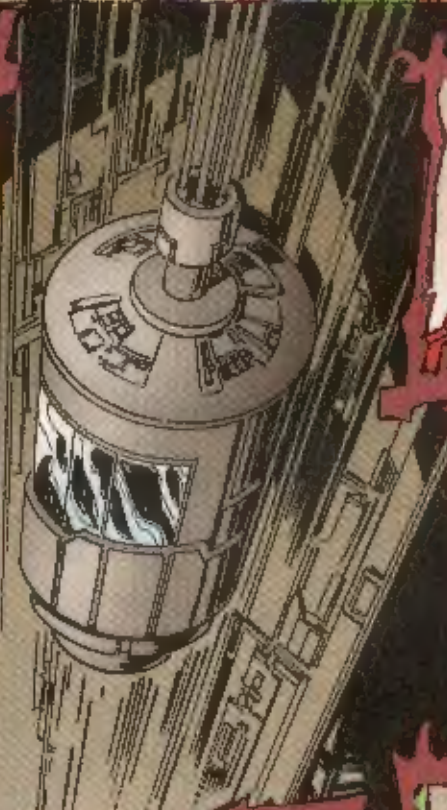
...THEY  
CAN.



THOR.



QUICKSILVER.



SCARLET  
WITCH.



IRON  
MAN.



CAPTAIN  
AMERICA.



THE VISION.



TOGETHER,  
THEY ARE.

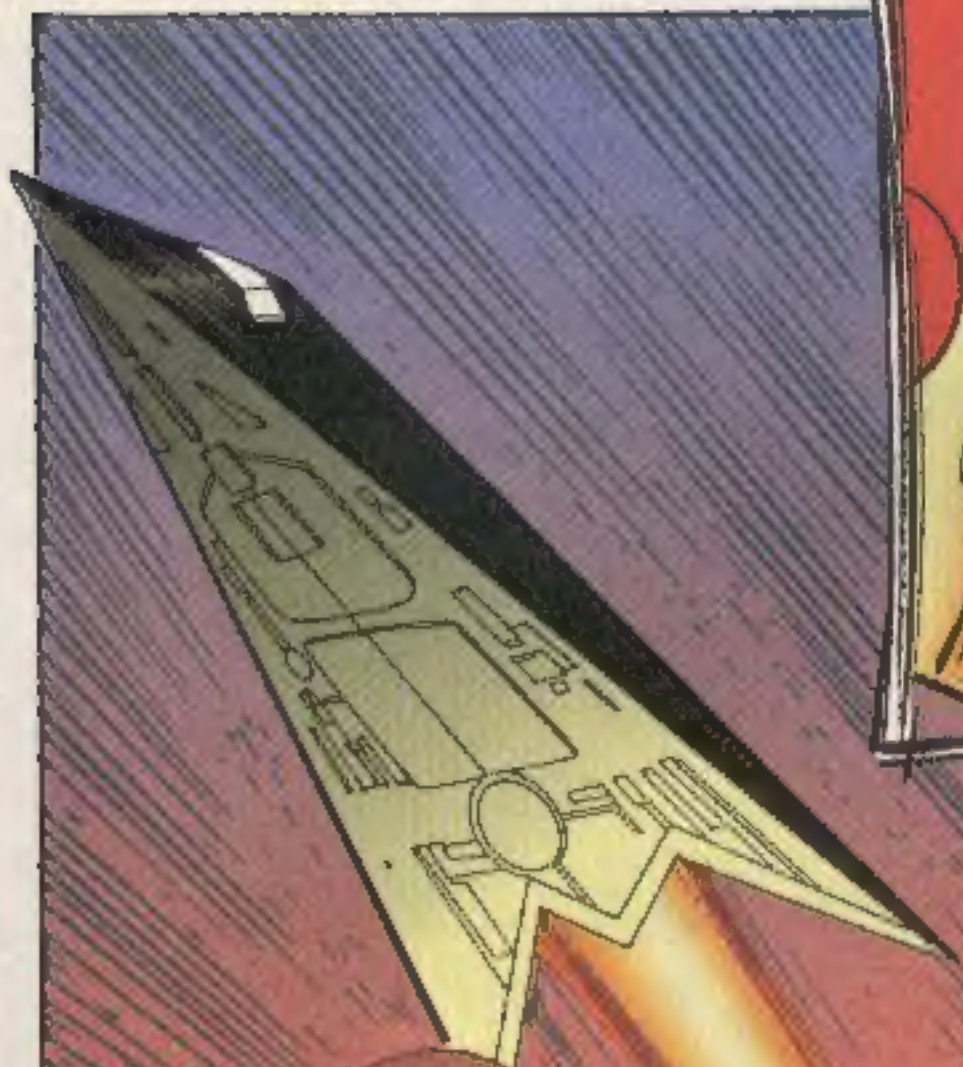












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# SINS OF THE FATHER!





ACCORDING TO THE X-MEN, CEREBRO--

--THAT'S THEIR MUTANT-TRACKING DEVICE--

--AND AN AMAZING PIECE OF WORK, I MIGHT ADD-- A GENETIC SENSOR WAY AHEAD OF ANYTHING IN MY LAB--

HANK? I'VE ALREADY HAD ENOUGH TECHNOBabble FOR ONE DAY.

AH, WELL, CEREBRO'S BEEN BAFLED BY MAGNETO IN THE PAST, SO WE CAN'T COUNT ON IT TO ZERO IN.

HOWEVER... IN COMBING THE WORLD FOR ERRANT ELECTROMAGNETIC ACTIVITY, I'VE FOUND A SERIES OF SPIKES IN SOUTH CAROLINA THAT SEEM TO MATCH MAGNETO'S ENERGY SIGNATURE.



I'VE BET THE COMPUTERS TO RELAY COORDINATES DIRECTLY TO THE QUINJET. I HAVE TO GET MOVING.

WE'RE ON OUR WAY TO FOUR FREEDOMS PLAZA TO LOOK IN ON FRANKLIN RICHARDS. APPARENTLY, ONSLAUGHT SEEMS VERY INTERESTED IN THE BOY.

OVER AND OUT.

I FIND MYSELF CONFUSED.

MY LIMITED EXPOSURE TO CHARLES XAVIER LED ME TO CONCLUDE THAT HE WAS A DECENT MAN.

HE IS. AS MUTANTS OURSELVES, MY SISTER WANDA AND I KNOW XAVIER BETTER THAN ANY AVENGER... AND WE HAVE BENEFITTED FROM HIS NOBILITY TIME AND AGAIN.

BUT IF OUR FATHER IS SOMEHOW BEHIND THIS SINISTER TRANSFORMATION... IF MAGNETO IS CONTROLLING XAVIER'S UNCHARACTERISTIC ACTIONS FROM AFAR...

...THAT EXPLAINS MUCH.







"HIS NOTIONS OF  
KINDNESS AND  
BENEVOLENCE  
WERE REPULSIVE

HE LIKES  
TO CONTROL MUTANTS,  
EH, THERE? WHAT  
WAS IT LIKE BEIN'  
PARTO' HIS BROTHER-  
HOOD ALL DEM  
YEARS AGO?

"WHENEVER I WAVERED  
IN MY LOYALTY FOR A  
HEARTBEAT... WHENEVER  
I TOYED WITH THE NOTION  
OF LEAVING HIS SERVICE,  
HE WOULD...

POUL. DEGRADING.

"IT'S TRUE HE TOOK  
PIETRO AND MYSELF UNDER  
HIS WING, EVEN BEFORE WE  
KNEW WE WERE RELATED.

"BUT WE WERE NOT  
PARTICULARLY WELL-  
CARED FOR 'N HIS  
PARK, BARK CASTLE.

"MASTER AND TOAD,  
IN PARTICULAR, WERE  
UNPLEASANT COMPANIONS.

"OF COURSE,  
MAGNETO  
WOULD OFTEN  
PUT THEM IN  
THEIR PLACE.

"... FIND A WAY  
TO HOLD ON  
TO ME.

"TIGHTLY."

"... LESS TO PROTECT  
ME THAN TO ESTAB-  
LISH HIS OWN  
DOMINANCE.



"CONSIDERABLE TIME HAS PASSED SINCE THEN. I HAVE GROWN STRONGER... COME TO TERMS WITH MUCH OF WHAT ONCE FRIGHTENED ME.

FORGIVE US, WANDA-- BUT WE ARE NOT USED TO HEARING YOU SPEAK IN SUCH A MANNER.

EVEN I HAVE NEVER HEARD YOU REFER TO THOSE EARLY DAYS... LIKE THAT.



"BUT NEVER HAVE I BEEN MORE TERRIFIED THAN AT THE FEET OF A MAN WHO COULD KILL ME WITH A THOUGHT.

"AROUND HIM, I WAS FRAGILE... VULNERABLE.

"I CANNOT BE CERTAIN... THAT I WILL NOT BE AGAIN."



IT IS NOT YOUR CONCERN, VISION.

WE WILL NOT HURT YOU, MY SISTER. I PROMISE. I WILL NOT LET HIM.

PIETRO, NO. YOU AND I-- WE'RE NOT LIKE THAT ANYMORE--



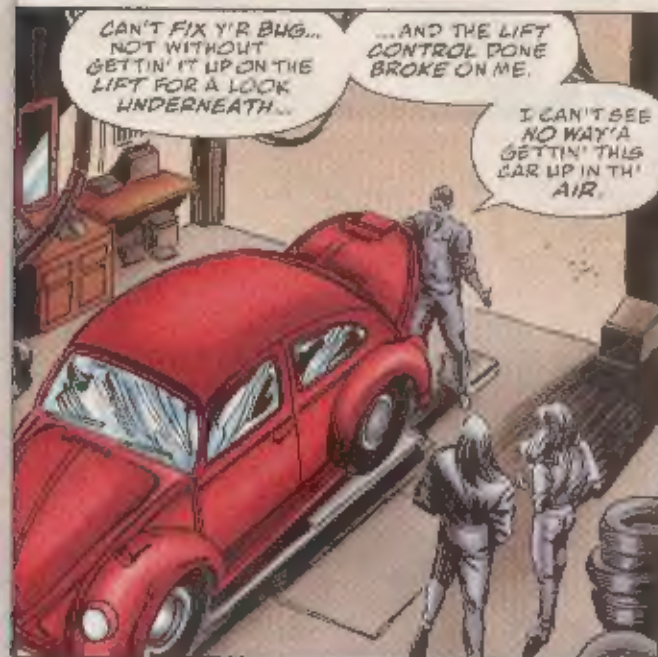
HUSH. I WILL PROTECT YOU... ALWAYS.



NORFOLK,  
VIRGINIA.

I SURE HOPE  
YOU TWO YOUNG'UNS  
AIN'T IN ANY KINDA  
HURRY.

PALMER'S  
GARAGE



THESE THEM LI'L OL' CONTROLS  
YOU WAS SPEAKIN' ABOUT ? WHY,  
THEY DON'T LOOK T'BE ALL  
THAT BROKE...

HON-- DON'T  
OPEN THAT--

--DON'T  
TOUGH  
THE--

--MA'AM--!





DARLIN' YOU  
DON'T WANNA MESS  
UP THEM PRETTY L'L  
NAILS!

WHY DON'T  
Y'ALL LEAVE ALL  
THAT COMPLICATED  
MECHANICAL  
WORK...



...TO  
THE  
PROS...?

WHY,  
LOOK AT HERE.  
RECKON I MUSTA  
JIGGERED THE  
RIGHT DOODAD  
AFTER ALL.

WE'LL  
BE BACK IN AN  
HOUR.



NICELY  
PLAYED.

HOW ARE  
YOUR NAILS,  
"DARLIN'?"

WHO  
CARES?

LET'S FIND  
SOME LUNCH  
AT THE SHIPYARD.  
I'M BUYIN'.

YOU DO  
COME IN  
HANDY...



SHE'S TRYING  
HARD NOT  
TO FLIRT.

AND  
FAILING  
MISERABLY.

HER NAME IS ROGUE...  
A FORMER X-MAN WHO  
RECENTLY LEFT THE  
TEAM TO ESTABLISH HER  
OWN LIFE...

...ONLY TO  
HAVE IT  
INVADED...

...BY HIM.



SHE ONCE KNEW HIM AS  
MAGNETO... BEFORE HE  
CROSSED HER PATH DE-  
AGED AND AMNESIAC.\*

RENAILED "JOSEPH," HE  
REMEMBERS NOTHING OF  
HIS FORMER LIFE AS ONE  
OF THE MOST DANGEROUS  
CRIMINALS IN RECORDED  
HISTORY.

SHE'D LIKE TO  
KEEP IT THAT WAY.

\* X-MEN UNLIMITED #11.



SHE SEES A SPECIAL SOMETHING IN THIS MAN. A CHARM SHE'S KNOWN IN ONLY ONE OTHER - HENCE THE ROAD TRIP

SHE'S TAKING HIM TO THE X-MEN IN HOPES OF HIDING HIM. KEEPING HIM FROM THAT PAST

IT'S A DANGEROUS GAME AFTER ALL, MAGNETO STILL BUBBLES SOMEWHERE INSIDE HIM. SHE KNOWS SHE'S HANDLING A LIVE GRENADE..

AND IF HE LEARNS TOO MUCH ABOUT THE PAST TOO QUICKLY...

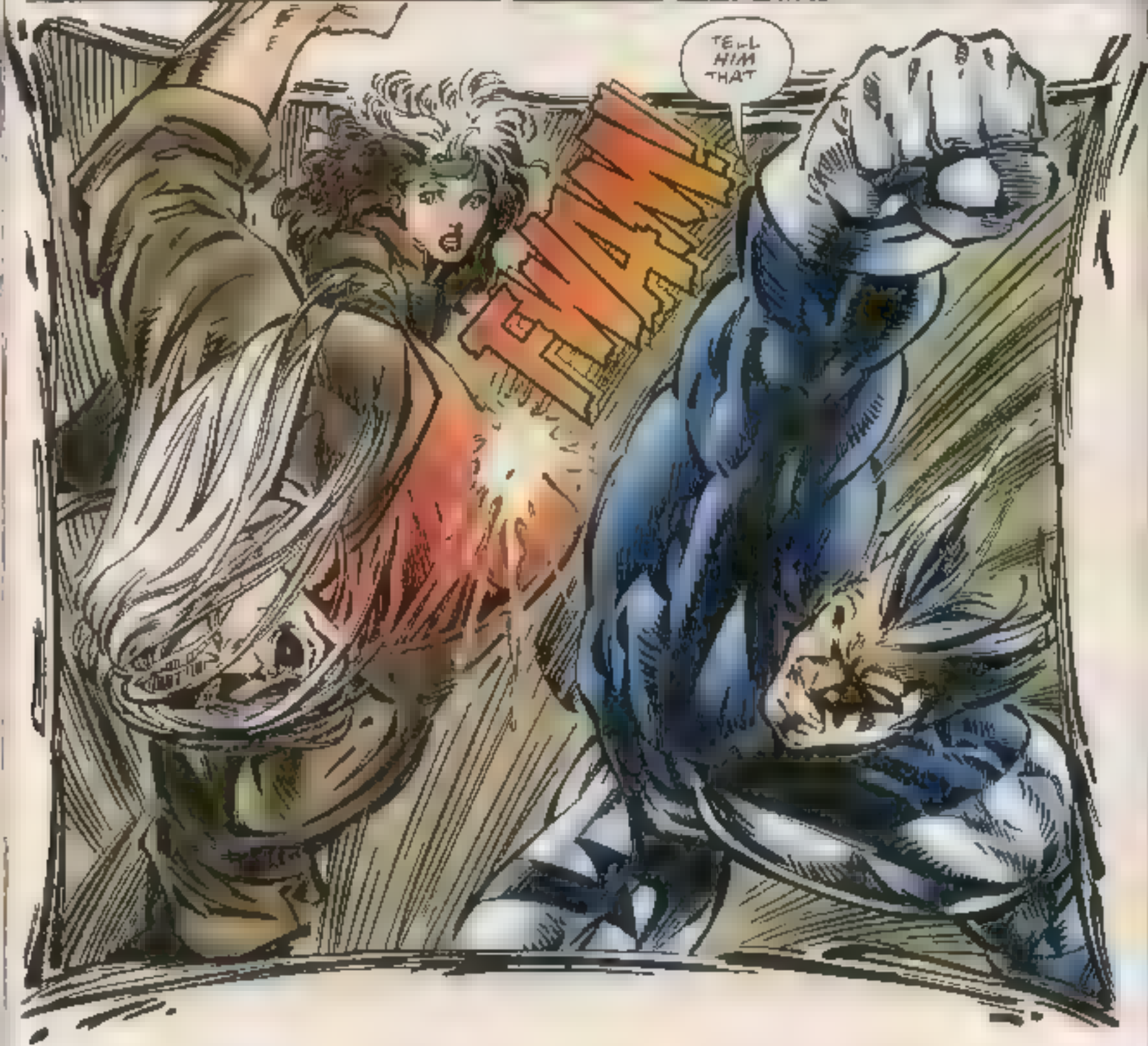
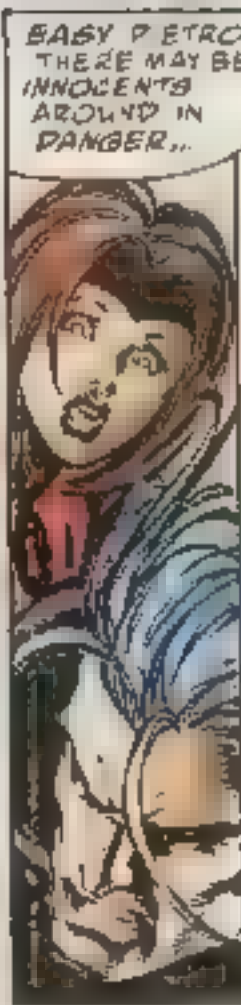
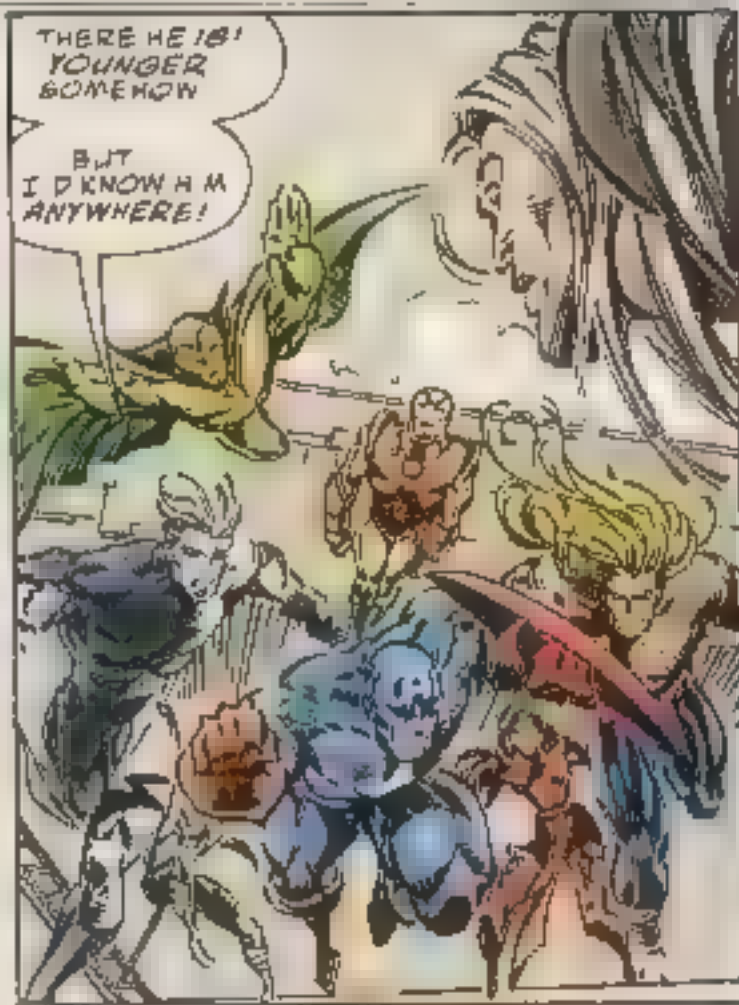
...WELL, THAT JUST MAY PULL THE PIN. SHE'S GOT TO KEEP A GUARD UP WHICH IS WHY THEY'VE BEEN TRAVELLING BY CAR

INCOGNITO

THE OBJECTIVE..

IS TO KEEP A LOW PROFILE.







HE'LL HAVE NO MORE  
INNOCENTS UNDER HIS  
THRAL. I SWEAR THIS  
WITH ALL MY--

QUICK-  
SWER?

ROGUE?

ROGUE?

YOU  
MONSTER! YOU  
DARE CLAIM  
ANOTHER  
ONE?

REMY?

PETRO,  
CALM YOURSELF  
HE'S DOWN!

DOWN  
YES.

BUT

NOT

OUT

PERHAPS  
A WHIRLING  
VORTEX--





LEAVE  
HIM ALONE!  
Y'ALL DON'T  
KNOW  
WHAT Y'R  
MESSIN'  
WITH--

ENOUGH,  
PIETRO

WHAT, THEN, ARE WE  
MISSING, ROGUE?

IS THIS NOT ERK  
MAGNUS LENSHER--

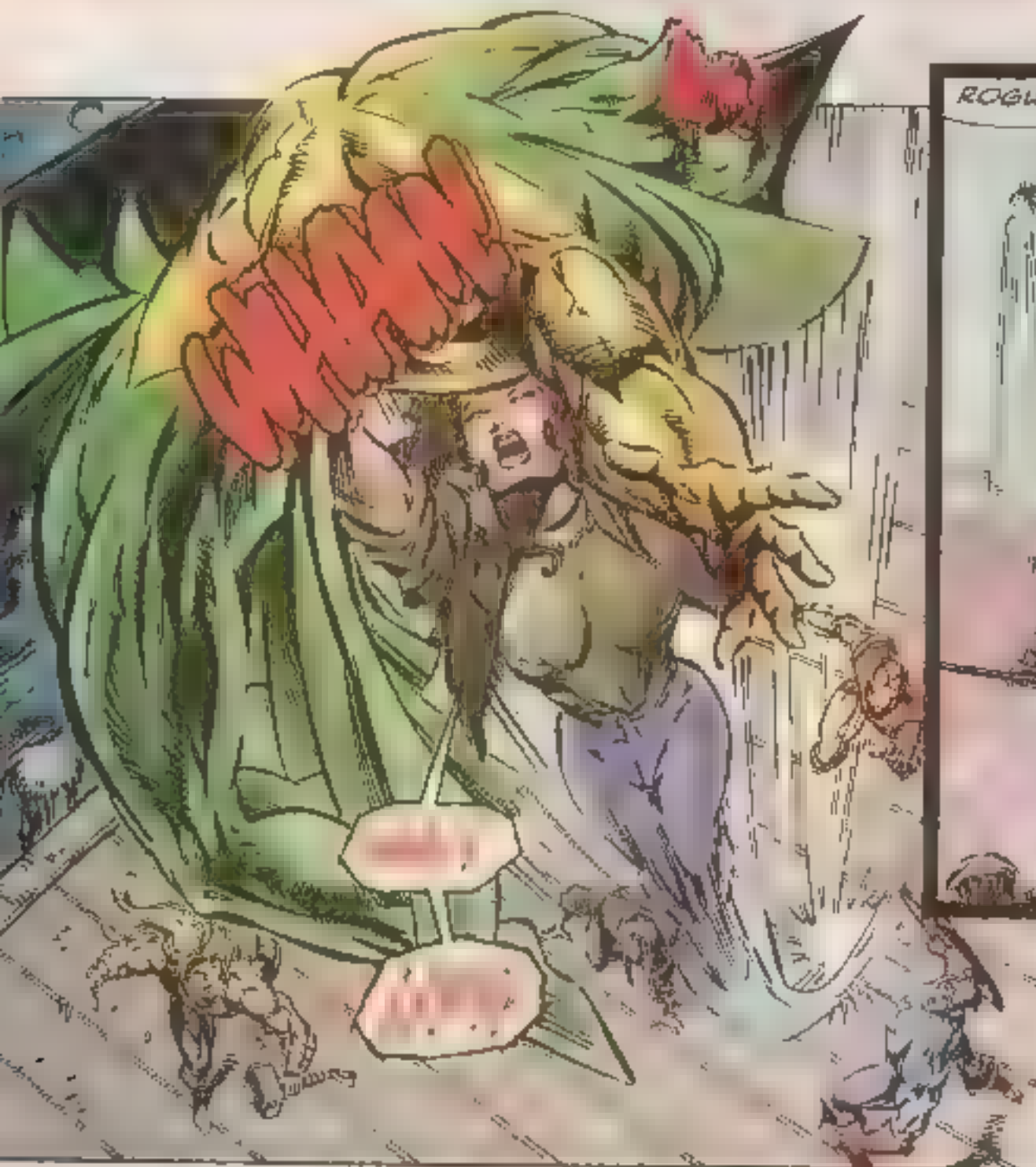
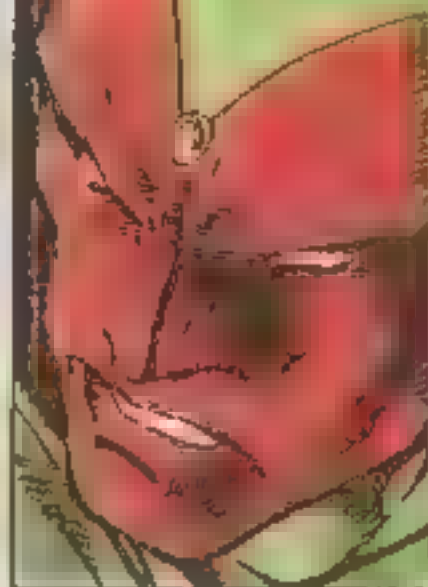
--SELF-PROCLAIMED  
RIGHTFUL RULER OF  
THE MUTANT RACE--

YOU DON'T  
UNDERSTAND!  
Y'R PLAYIN' WITH  
FIRE!

DON'T  
SAY ANY  
THING!

- AND IN THE  
EYES OF MANY  
THE WORLD  
OVER-

-THE MOST  
RUTHLESS,  
MOST  
SADISTIC,  
MOST  
HEINOUS--



ROGUE?

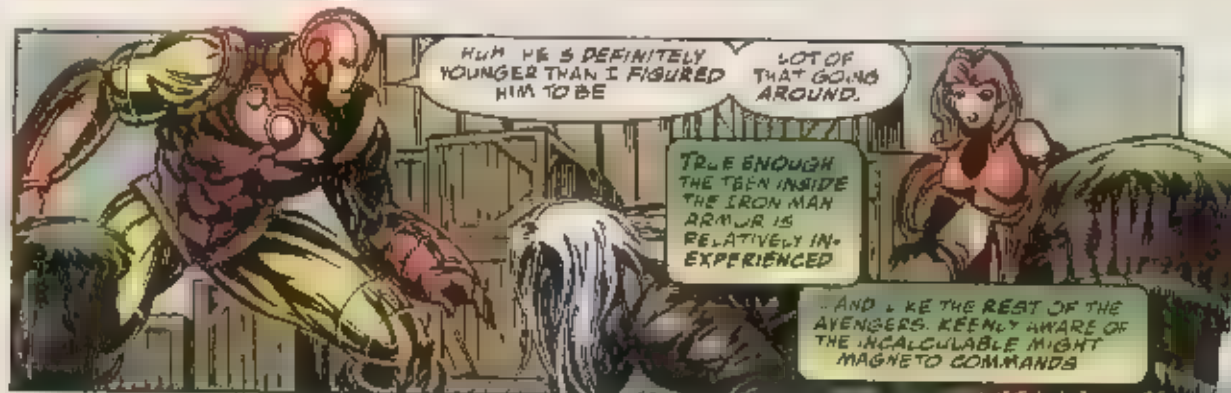
ODIN'S BLOOD!  
WHAT MADNESS  
HAS SEIZED  
HER?

MY QUESTION  
EXACTLY

THOUGH I  
WINK WE GOTTA  
SILVER-HAIRED  
CLUE!

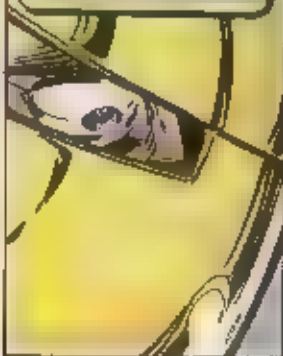
FOLLOW  
HER!





AND THOUGH INSTINCTIVELY HE REACHES FORTH TO LIFT THE PAZED FIGURE TO HIS FEET

HIS HESITANCY BETRAYS A PARANOIA

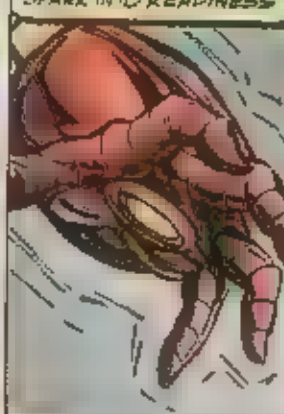


EVEN STRONGER IN OTHERS

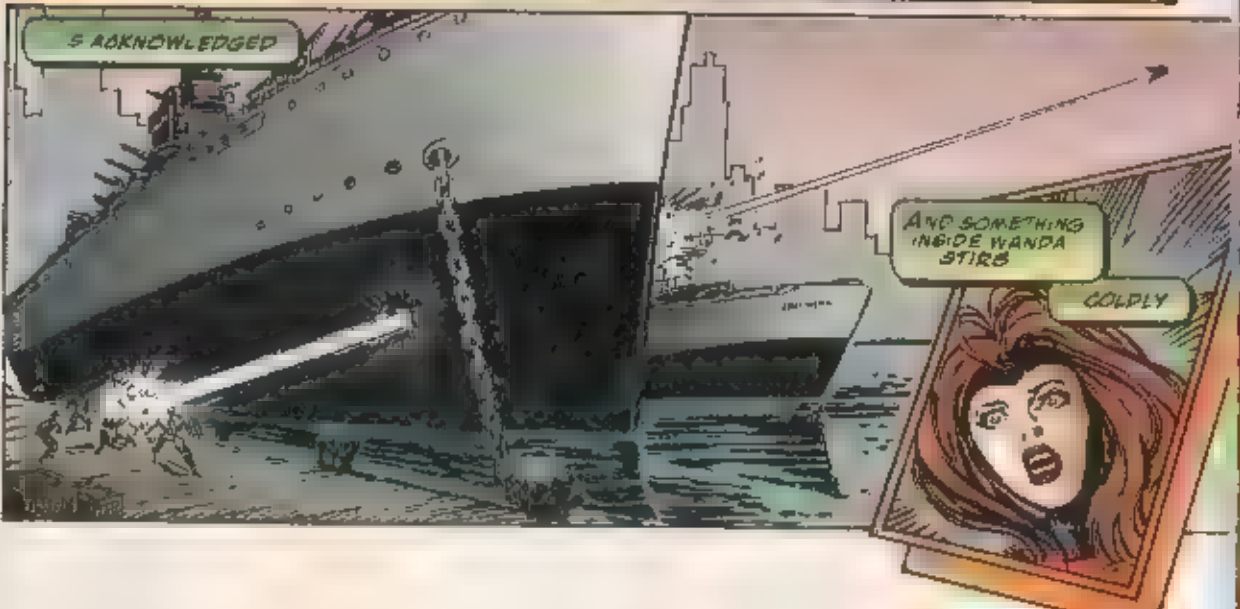
IRON MAN LOOK OUT!



AT THE SHOUT THE PALMS OF HELPING HANDS IR B OPEN REPU-SOR RAYS SPARK INTO READINESS



THE IMPLIED THREAT





MEANWHILE GAMBIT  
TRESTLES A SENSE  
OF THE SENSELESS

HE CAN'T MAKE  
WHY THAT WAS

ONCE AGAIN HE  
TRUSTED ROSE MORE  
THAN HE EVER TRUSTED  
ANYONE AT THIS  
MOMENT AND FOR  
MORE THAN ONE REASON

I'M WARNIN'  
Y ALL HE COULD  
EXPLODE! I DON'T  
UNDERSTAND TH  
DAMAGE Y ALL WOULD  
BE DOIN' JUST BY  
BEIN' HERE

IT'S DAMAGE  
WE'VE GOT  
TO CONTAIN

I WONDER HOW  
MANY OTHER  
MINDS IS MAGNETO  
CONTROLLIN'.  
ROSE? YOURS.  
PERHAPS?

IF I LET IN THE  
QUESTION, THE  
ANSWER THO' I  
NO I PERHAPS  
CLOSE

BUT WITH  
A BLIND  
THAT COULD  
MATTER  
DIAMONDS

WHAT ARE  
Y ALL TALKIN'  
ABOUT? HE  
AIN'T CONTROLLIN'  
ANYTHING!

THE  
TAKES  
HIM  
BLINK

ABOW  
WORTHY OF  
A FROST  
GIANT! I AM  
IMPRESSED!

I THINK? THEN  
BE READY, CAUSE  
I'M ABOUT TO SET  
DOWN THE AMAZIN'  
ON YOUR BIG  
NORSE.





STOP!



TOO MUCH

ALL AT ONCE

W TH ONE HAND HE REPELS THE IRON MAN CAULVER'S BLOOD FLINGING HIM AWAY

W TH THE OTHER, HE CREATES A FIELD AROUND CAPTAIN AMERICA'S SHIELD TURNING IT INTO AN INVULNERABLE BULWARK



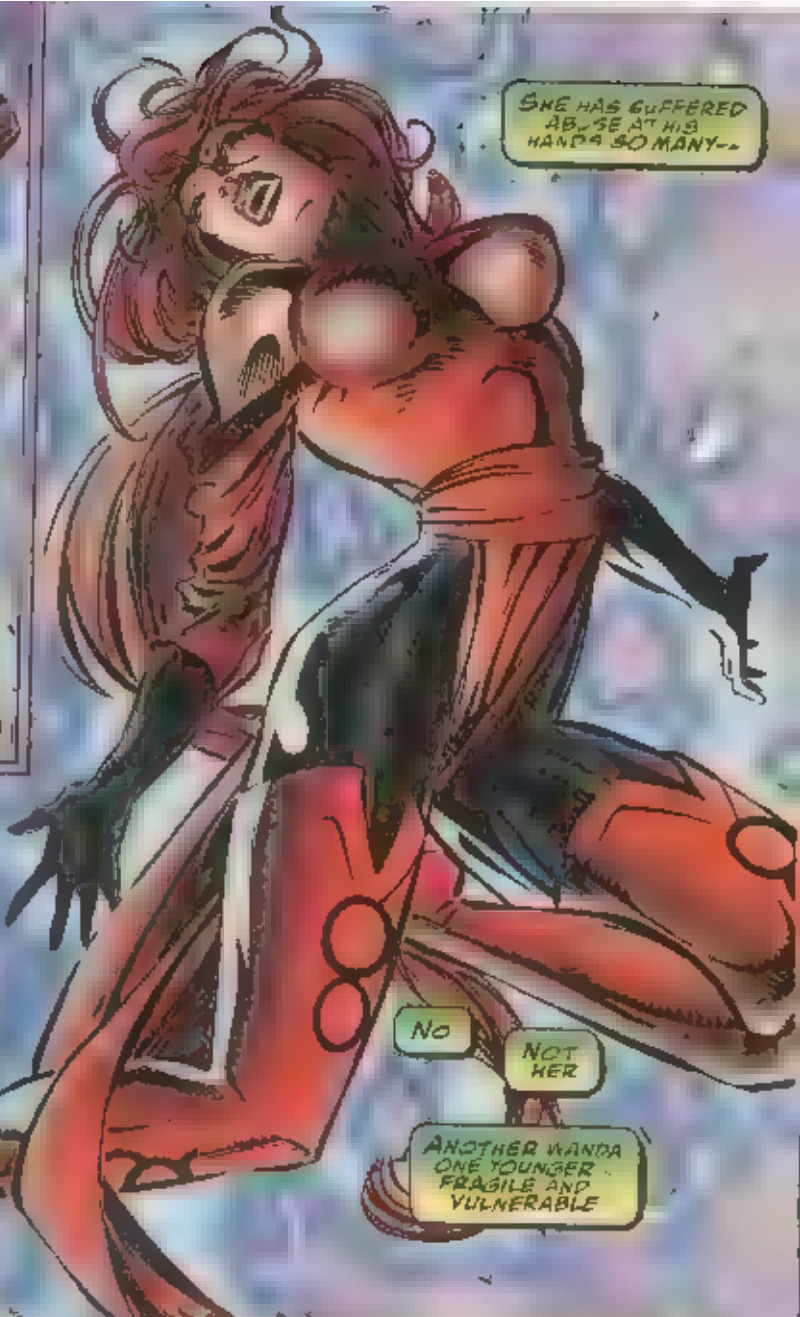
AND WITH BOTH HANDS THE SCARLET WITCH CONJURES A HEX AND ACTS





TOO LATE  
THE MEMORY--  
AND THE FEAR--  
WRAP AROUND  
HER EVEN  
FASTER THAN  
ANY COCOON

THE TERROR OF  
REMEMBRANCE  
KNIVES THROUGH  
HER



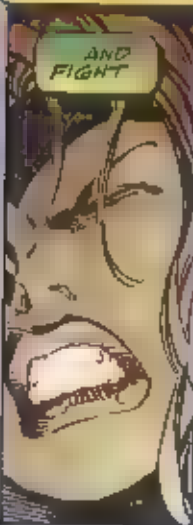
SHE HAS SUFFERED  
ABUSE AT HIS  
HANDS SO MANY--

No

NOT  
HER

ANOTHER WANDA  
ONE YOUNGER  
FRAGILE AND  
VULNERABLE

ONE WHO HAS NOT  
YET FOUND THE  
STRENGTH TO  
FACE HER FEARS



AND  
FIGHT



TO BREAK  
FREE OF THEM

GHUH!



I I'M SORRY I  
DIDN'T MEAN TO

ARE YOU  
ALL RIGHT?

YOUR VOICE  
YOUR MANNER

YOU'RE  
NOT HIM



SO LIKE I WAS SAYIN,  
MEANTH MAGNETO  
Y ALL KNOW AND I M  
TRYIN T KEEP H N THAT  
WAY Y SEE?

DESPITE WHAT  
HE MIGHTA DONE  
NTH PAST~

"HE IS NOT A  
MONSTER"

SHE CAN SEE THAT NOW

THERE SA MERCY IN HIS EYES  
THAT CUTS THROUGH HER  
SUSPICIONS THIS IS NOT THE  
MAGNETO SHE FEARED.

UNFORTUNATELY

HER BROTHER  
DOESN'T KNOW  
THAT







SHE DOESN'T  
HAVE TO DO  
ANYTHING.

SHE CAN LET  
HER BROTHER  
PROTECT HER...



...AS HE  
ALWAYS  
HAS...



...AND TAKE  
AWAY HER  
FEARS...



...AS HE  
ALWAYS  
WILL.











SKOFF!

THE PIER...  
SHATTERED?

BUT THAT'S  
IMPOSSIBLE!

NO...



...MERELY  
IMPROBABLE.

AND THAT'S  
MY  
SPECIALTY.

WANDA,  
STAY BACK!  
I WILL--

NO, PIETRO.  
YOU WILL  
NOT.

I AM IN  
CONTROL  
HERE.



FOR ONCE  
AND FOR ALL,  
PIETRO... I AM NO  
LONGER THE FRIGHT-  
ENED GIRL WHO NEEDS  
HER IMPETUOUS  
BROTHER TO RESCUE  
HER.

...NOZ IS  
HE THE TYRANT  
UNDER WHOM  
WE HAVE BOTH  
SUFFERED.

PERHAPS  
TODAY... WE CAN  
BOTH PUT THE PAST  
BEHIND US.





...AND THAT'S THE STORY. THE X-MEN TRIED TO CONTAIN PROFESSOR XAVIER... AND COULD NOT.

AND YOU THOUGHT MAGNETO~ JOSEPH~ HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT?

WE THINK HE MAY HAVE HAD EVERYTHING TO DO WITH IT, BUT WE CAN'T BE SURE TO WHAT EXTENT TILL WE GET HIM BACK TO NEW YORK...

I STILL DON'T COMPREHEND MUCH OF WHAT'S GOING ON...

...BUT IF I CAN BE OF ANY HELP...

...IT DOES SEEM I HAVE SOME RESPONSIBILITY IN ALL THIS.

MY APOLOGIES FOR OVER-REACTING, IRON MAN.



EH, QUICKSILVER. WHADDAYA GONNA DO, HUH?



THEN YOU OKAY, THERE? STILL YOUR OWN WOMAN?

ALWAYS HAVE BEEN, RENY. BUT THEN, YOU KNOW THAT.

YEAH. I DO.

THEN LET US GO, WE HAVE A WORLD TO SAVE...



"...TOGETHER."



FOR MORE ON GIANT-MAN'S TEAM, SEE FANTASTIC FOUR #415...

...THEN FOLLOW THE ASSEMBLED AVENGERS INTO THE PAGES OF X-MEN #55!